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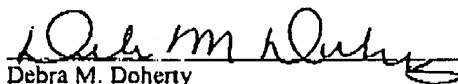
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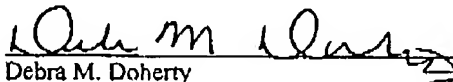
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Sir:

This is in response to the notification of non-compliant appeal brief dated June 8, 2007 and the undersigned's phone conversation with Patent Appeals Center Specialist Bridget C. Monroe on June 11, 2007.

Reconsideration is requested of the conclusion that the brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. As discussed with Specialist Monroe the section of the brief captioned "Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter" extending from the bottom of page 1 through page 3 provides the required concise explanation. Each of claims 1, 18 and 33 is summarized in narrative form with reference to the immediately preceding text and drawings that also refer to the specification by page and line number and with reference characters. This will confirm the phone discussion with Specialist Monroe in which it was acknowledged that the claim summary requirements of the rule has been satisfied. Additionally, this will confirm that where none of the claims includes a

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means-plus-function or step-plus-function recitation, there is no need for a recitation of the corresponding structure, material or acts described in the specification.

Reconsideration also is requested as to the conclusion that the brief did not contain copies of the evidence submitted. Although the evidence was in fact submitted as Exhibits A and B to the brief, appellant is submitting herewith a replacement evidence appendix (pages C-1 – C-3) that includes a statement setting forth where in the record the evidence was presented. Also enclosed are replacement pages “i” and A-1.

Finally, reconsideration is requested of the conclusion that the brief failed to contain copies of decisions identified in the section on Related Appeals and Interferences. As indicated in the brief, there were none. Appellant is also submitting herewith a fresh Table of Contents.

It is believed that the brief is in compliance with the rules.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EVIDENCE APPENDIX C**

Evidence Appendix C includes two Exhibits, Exhibit A and Exhibit B, both of which were identified and discussed in appellants' amendment mailed September 15, 2006 in reply to the official action of March 17, 2006. Although the copies of Exhibits A and B (dictionary definitions) were indicated to have been enclosed with the amendment, it is unclear from appellants' file whether they were, in fact, included. They were, however, quoted and identified as to internet source. Exhibits A and B of this appendix are copies of those web pages.

No evidence has been submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.130, 1.131, or 1.132.

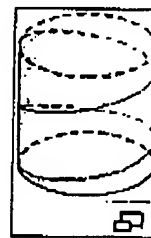


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### he·lix <sup>4</sup> (hē'īks)

n. pl. he·lix·es or hel·i·ces (hē'ī-sēz', hē'ī-)

1. **Mathematics** A three-dimensional curve that lies on a cylinder or cone, so that its angle to a plane perpendicular to the axis is constant.
2. A spiral form or structure.
3. **Anatomy** The folded rim of skin and cartilage around most of the outer ear.
4. **Architecture** A volute on a Corinthian or Ionic capital.



helix  
circular helix in a right circular cylinder

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Noun 1. **helix** - a curve that lies on the surface of a cylinder or cone and cuts the element at a constant angle

[spiral

[curve, curved shape - the trace of a point whose direction of motion changes

[double helix - a pair of parallel helices intertwined about a common axis; "the structure of the DNA molecule is a double helix"

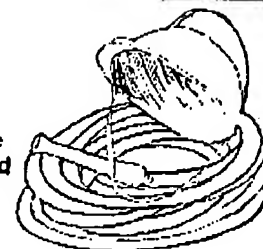


2. **helix** - a structure consisting of something wound in a continuous series of loops; "a coil of rope"

[coil, volute, whorl, spiral

[hank - a coil of rope or wool or yarn

[structure, construction - a thing constructed; a complex construction or entity; "the structure consisted of a series of arches"; "she wore her hair in an amazing construction of whirls and ribbons"



3. **Helix** - type genus of the family Helicidae

[genus Helix

[mollusk genus - a genus of mollusks

[family Helicidae, Helicidae - land snails including the common edible snail and some pests

[edible snail, Helix pomatia - one of the chief edible snails

[garden snail - any of several inedible snails of the genus Helix; often destructive pests

[brown snail, Helix aspersa - serious garden pest having a brown shell with paler zigzag markings; nearly cosmopolitan in distribution

[Helix hortensis - a kind of garden snail

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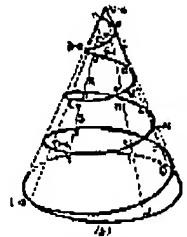
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**angle** - the space between two lines or planes that intersect; the inclination of one line to another; measured in degrees or radians



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